

August 10, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB- Docket No. 11-109

Dear, Ms. Dortch,

The Commission has a critical decision before you on whether LightSquared can build their 4G national mobile network. As I understand it, there is a concern over potential interference with certain GPS signals. As someone who relies on GPS in the commercial fishing industry in Massachusetts, I can say with confidence that I don't believe this is as big a problem as some have suggested.

Let me start by saying I literally rely on GPS enabled equipment to survive, both in terms of navigation but in terms of finding and filling my boat with fish. So when I read a recent article about potential interference issues I read especially carefully. I can say that after an internet search that GPS people don't seem to be shooting straight. LightSquared on the other hand seems to be providing solutions and commitments that would warrant your approval to go ahead with their proposed national network.

These so-called interference issues seem to have appeared out of thin air because LightSquared has been working on the rollout of their network for years. I'm a commercial fisherman and I figure that out pretty quickly on the internet so it hard to fathom all the smart people working for GPS companies didn't realize this until now. But as I kept digging I realized the GPS companies are attempting to throw on the breaks at the 11th hour only because they have been caught flatfooted and ill prepared for this development.

LightSquared's commitment to resolving the almost non-existent interference issues seems like it would be met with approval by GPS companies. But they don't like that approach either. I can only come to the conclusion that there isn't a solution that LightSquared can provide that will satisfy their attempt to have a monopoly on the market. I think if you too come to the conclusions I have that you'll agree that the GPS companies are not going to be allowed to do that.

I also think that Americans are using their phones and devices for more and more these days. LightSquared's national network will start to fill the growing need for wireless internet capacity. While I don't understand all the details, it also seems like they may be improving our ability to do things on our phones that many people wish they could do. This is another reason for my support of LightSquared moving forward.

Finally, I think it's a great thing that LightSquared is prepared to spend billions of dollars across the country. They are literally going to do what Washington politicians tried to do with the stimulus bill- put people back to work! I know you're not a politician but I have to assume that being a part of getting Americans back to work would make you feel just as proud as they are when they win an election.

For these reasons I hope you will continue to take a fair approach to the approval process and accept LightSquared's request and grant them the permission to build the national 4G wireless broadband network. We need it, and it won't cause the problems the GPS companies claim. If it did, my letter would read very differently.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Cannell". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "G" and "C".

Gary Cannell